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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1635

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APPLICATION NO: 10/619,344

FILED: JULY 14, 2003

FOR: INTRODUCTION OF BLOOD VESSEL FORMATION THROUGH  
ADMINISTRATION OF POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING  
SPHINGOSINE KINASES

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of March 7, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 7, 2006. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 450 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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